# Order of Dedication

## The Parish Building

# Christ Episcopal Church

Pottstown, Pennsylvania

December sixth

nineteen hundred thirty-one

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HYMN—The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation
  Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation,
  By water and the word:
From heaven He came and sought her
  To be His holy Bride;
With His own Blood He bought her,
  And for her life He died.

Though with a scornful wonder
  Men see her sore oppress,
By schisms rent asunder,
  By heresies distrest;
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
  Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
  Shall be the morn of song.

Yet she on earth hath union
  With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
  With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
  Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
  On high may dwell with Thee.
Amen

INVOCATION - - - - - *The Reverend Stanley R. West*

HYMN—Angel Voices Ever Singing

Angel voices, ever singing
  Round Thy throne of light:
Angel harps, for ever ringing,
  Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless Thee,
  And confess Thee Lord of might.

Yea, we know that Thou rejoicest
  O'er each work of Thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
  For Thy praise combine;
Craftsman's art and music's measure
  For Thy pleasure didst design.

In Thy house, great God, we offer
  Of Thine own to Thee;
And for Thine acceptance proffer,
  All unworthily,
Hearts and minds, and hands and voices,
  In our choicest melody.

Honour, glory, might, and merit,
  Thine shall ever be!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
  Blessed Trinity!
Of the best that Thou hast given,
  Earth and heaven render Thee.
Amen

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PRESENTATION OF THE KEYS - - - - - *E. Kaye Hunter*
*Architect*

ACCEPTANCE OF THE KEYS - - - - *W. McMurtrie Rutter*
*Chairman of the Building Committee*

ACCEPTANCE FOR THE WARDENS AND VESTRYMEN - *Benton Cadwalader*
*Senior Warden*

ACCEPTANCE FOR THE PEOPLE - - *The Reverend Albert H. Holt*

DOXOLOGY

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HYMN—Onward Christian Soldiers

Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before!
Christ, the royal Master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle,
See, His banners go.
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before!

Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod;
We are not divided,
All one Body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity,
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before!

Onward, then, ye people!
Join our happy throng!
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph song!
Glory, laud, and honour,
Unto Christ the King;
This through countless ages
Men and angels sing.
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before! Amen

BENEDICTION - - - - - *The Reverend Stanley R. West*